ARoyal Raker Progress-Even Faster
Than King Leopolds

Be gentle to that young man. Let

him see his friend as often as he

likes. There is even no harm if they go out quietly in the evening."

The Duke selzed the opportunity to escape. Just as his followers were

preparing to shed their bitterest tears

over his sufferings he was fleeing the country, escorted and protected by Mme. Melba.

It was ever thus. Sometimes he could issue a heroic manifesto telling Frenchmen that he would lead them on to glory, and at the critical moment an indignant husband would drive him to cover.
The Duke's devotion to Melba continued for an unusually long time,

although it did not interfere with lesser affairs. His behavior led to the breaking of his engagement to

his cousin, Princess Marguerite of Orleans, daughter of the Duke of

Chartres. This was arranged for him

by his family, and considered a very suitable match, but even French

royalties could not force a young

Princess to marry a man who be-

A few years later he married his distant cousin, the Archduchess Maria

Dorothea of Austria, probably be-

haved like the Duke.



Madame Auffmordt, Otherwise Countess de Salverte, the Beautiful Society Woman at Present the Principal Object of the Fickle Duke's Devotion.

Brussels, June 20.

Orleans. His wife, the former Archduchess Maria Dorothea of Austria, has sued him for a separation and an accounting for her property, most of which he has squandered on worthless parasites. Such a proceeding by a Catholic Princess is almost unheard of, and proves the outrageousness of the Duke's conduct.

His Highness is the royalist pre tender to the throne of France, the head of the French Bourbons. great-grandfather was King Louis Philippe of France, and his great-great-grandfather was the Duke of Orleans, who voted for the execution of his own cousin, King Louis XVI., in the French Revolution. Although without a throne the Duke is the head of the most historic royal house

The Duke is now living near Brussels, having made England and other countries too warm for him. He trained at Brussels under the guid-ance of the late King Leopold, and has already surpassed the wicked doings of that monarch in many ways. Although he is not charged with the cruelties of Leopold, he has far outstripped him in extravagance, riotous living, shameless public ex-hibition of himself with parasites of both sexes and general sensual

proffigacy. Orleans prides himself greatly on his resemblance to his famous ancestor, Henri Quatre, the hero of

Macaulay's lines: "Look where ye see my white plume shine amid the ranks of war, And be your oriflamme to-day the helmet of Navarre."

Henry of Navarre was not more distinguished in war than for his generosity to his many fair favorites. The Duke of Orleans has never dis-tinguished himself in war and is never likely to, but in the other matter he has beaten his famous

ancestor. Like Henry of Navarre he has a long nose, a high, full cheekbone and a singularly sensual expression of face. In order to heighten the resemblance the Duke trims his hair and whiskers in exactly the same manner as his illustrious forbear, and spends hours at this occupation surrounded by busts and portraits of

the old King. When he was a very young man the Duke was intensely devoted to

Mme. Melba, the noted operatic NEW disgrace has crowned the singer. She suggested to him a way of Europe's uncrowned of making himself a hero in France. There is a law forbidding a pre-tender to the throne or his direct heir to reside in France. The Duke went to a provincial town under an assumed name and declared that he had come to perform his regular military service. He was accepted military service. He was accepted by the local officers, but an about

twenty-four hours they liscovered He was put under arrest, but the Government felt embarrassed, for it was an awkward thing to imprison a young man for trying to do his duty to his country. That was just what he and his royalist friends expected. Their newspapers began to print indignant articles about the shame of keeping the young Prince in t vile dungeon for the crime of try-ing to serve his beloved Fatherland. Sympathetic Mme. Melba went to see him in his dungeon. The crafty

he descendant of Henry of Navarre might be seen any night in the cafes of Brussels behaving riotously with persons of un-questionable reputation."

French Prime Minister noted this,

Gave Her.

ays, One of His Former Favorites Wearing the Duke's Family



and he said to the officer in charge appeared that she could never have children, and he expressed great indignation at this, for a royal pretender must have children to inherit. his pretensions. The poor Duchess wept long and bitterly, and finally was forced to go to her mother for protection. She underwent two operations, but without increasing her prospects of maternity. Not having done anything to

His Highness of Orleans, Claimant to France's Throne,

Royalty's Disgrace, Jilted, Spanked, Kicked,

Boycotted by Society, Chief Spendthrift of the

Brussels "White Way," Now Sued by His

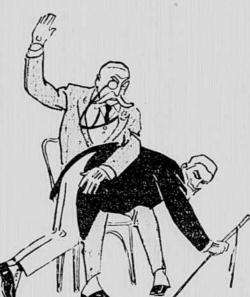
Wife for Wasting Her Property

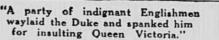
Not having done anything to make himself popular in France for some time the Duke thought he saw a fine opportunity during the Boer war. There was then, of course, much anti-English feeling in France. The Duke thought he would gratify this feeling by writing a letter of congratulation to the cartoonist, Willelte, who had published a basilish lette, who had published a horribly gross carleature of Queen Victoria. Strange to say, his letter aroused little enthusiasm in France.

In England, on the contrary, it

aroused fury. He was forced to resign from every English club he be-longed to and warned that the country would be too hot for him. must be remembered that his family had been welcomed to England by Queen Victoria after being kicked out of France in 1848.

He stayed away from England, but a party of young Englishmen waylaid





him while he was taking a quiet stroll at San Sebastian, the Spanish watering place, and gave him a thorough spanking. He then tried Wiesbaden as a health resort, but a stout German whose wife he had been triffing with sought an interwith him, and, as a result, he was unable to sit down or move about with comfort for

three weeks. The Duke then found the gay capital of Brussels more

"The Duke Trained in Brussels with the late King Leopold, and the old sinner taught the young rake all he knew."



The Duke of Orleans, Royal Rake and Claimant of France's Throne, in Court Dress.

wear them, ransomed them at great

expense from the actress, using the last of her own money and borrowing

more from her family for this pur-pose. She brought \$300,000 to the

Duke on her marriage, and practi-

cally all of this has been squandered. Both she and her mother have been

His conduct has caused the most intense distress to his three hand-

some sisters, ex-Queen Amelie of Portugal, Princess Helene, Duchess of Aosta, and Princess Louise, wife

These princesses induced King George and Queen Mary to pay the Duke a visit at Wood Norton two

years ago as a token that they forgave him and recognized that he was trying to do better. Now, Queen Mary is naturally furious at the re-ports of what he is doing at Brussels.

No one favorite has ever held the

Duke's interest for very long. There are many of them, but one is rather

more conspicuous than the others for

a period, and then passes into ob-security. So it was with Ninette des

Melays. She is no longer seen in his

The latest object of his admiration

is a remarkable woman, Mme. Auff-mordt. She belon, to an excellent family of the French aristocracy, and

ruined financially by him.

of Prince Charles of Bourbon.

to his liking. He began to go there in the time of old King Leopold. To-gether they frequented the cafes and cabarets and side doors of theatres. The old sinner taught the young rake

The Duke had severed his friend-ship with Mme. Melba, and this seems to have marked a downward turn in his career. At Brussels his favorite companion was Ninette des Melays, a very pretty, but vulgar, Parisian actress

> Surrounded by Ninette and men and women of similar position the descendant of Henri IV. would sit in the public cafes of Brussels drinking, singing, shouting at the top of his voice and en-joying the homage his peculiar courtiers.

Ninette des Melays directed his political politicy. She made him tell the dignified noblemen who repre-sented him in the various depart-ments of France that they that they were slow-going old fo-

gles. Ninette dropped a magnificent pearl necklace in a Brussels restaurant and it was returned by a Belgian woman who had seen her wearing it. This incident led to the disclosure that the Duke had given the actress most of the splendid jewels in-herited from his great- grandmother, Queen Marie Amelie of France.

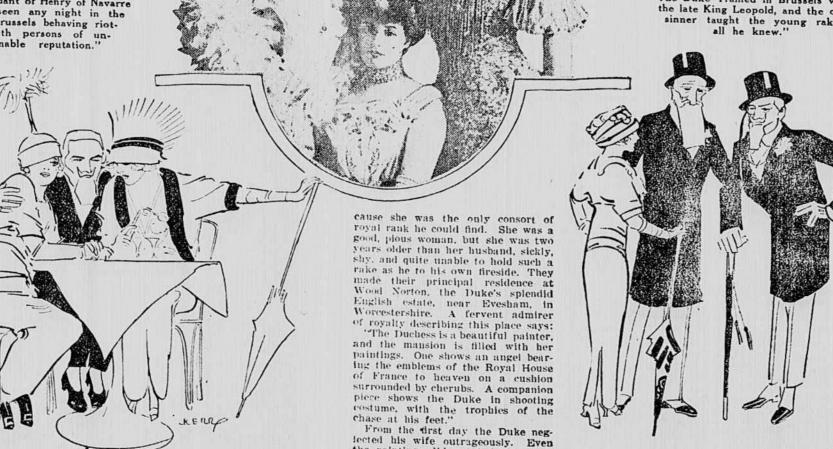
His wife, who had the right to

before her marriage was Countess Baconniere de Salverte. She then married a wealthy manufacturer of German origin. She has been very much with the American set on the Continent, and this has even given rise to the report that she is an American. For her he has rented a charming chateau at Putdael, near Brussels.

society.

They give amazing banquets, where, after a hearty consumption of wine, plans are made to destroy the French republic. Instead of being a danger to the republic the Duke has really become a walking disgrace to royalty.

The very latest report is that the Duke will run away from his troubles by taking ship for foreign parts under an assumed name with his charmer.



the paintings did not hold him. It